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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

Reissue Application of
Ronald M. MacNeil

Group No. 3711

Examiner M. Chambers

Serial No.: 09/030,702
For: LACROSSE STICKHEAD

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DECLARATION OF ROBERT RULE

Robert Rule hereby declares under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am submitting this Declaration in support of the above-captioned reissue application.
2. I have reviewed the rejections set forth in the November 14, 2000 Office Action in the above captioned matter
3. One of the pieces of prior art which has been utilized to reject this application are committee meeting minutes from the May 15, 1983 Hall of Fame meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. At this meeting, I made a presentation of an offset lacrosse head.
4. I have reviewed amended Claim 12 of the reissue application.
5. The device which I disclosed at the 1983 NCAA meeting did not incorporate an offset in which the lip portion dips below the sidewalls of the stick head as required by amended claim 12.



6. It is my opinion that this is a unique feature and one which distinguishes over the prior art and that the pending claim is patentable.

I hereby declare that the foregoing is true and correct under penalty of perjury.

Robert J. Rule
Robert Rule

Date: May 14 2001